GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

RURAL DEVELOPMENT - Implementation of "Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development" (REWARD) in 6 Districts (Ananthapuramu, Chittoor, Kurnool, YSR Kadapa, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 692 Dated: 23-12-2020.

Read the following:-

1. From the Secretary, Dept., of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development, Govt., of India, D.O.No.K.12011/2019-REWARD, dt.4-12-2019.
2. From the Commissioner, PR&RD e-file No. PRR05-11025/7/ 2019-IWMP-ICB-CORD, dt.3.11.2020.

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O R D E R:-

The Commissioner, PR&RD in the reference 2nd read above has stated that post-cancellation of the world Bank assisted "Neeranchal" project, the Department of Land Resources (DoLR) in consultation with Department of Economic Affairs (DEA) and the world Bank (WB) has agreed to go ahead with a new project namely, Rejuvenation of watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through innovative Developments (REWARD). It is considered to take up the Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) project in the State of Andhra Pradesh with the assistance of World Bank, to extend, demonstrate and up-scale the LRI technology in other parts of the State to provide parcel-wise scientific input to the rain-fed farmers, with special emphasis on 'Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development' for providing end to end solutions to farmers right from production, post harvest management and processing to marketing through formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Value Chain Development of specific crops through them.

2. He has further stated that the REWARD project is proposed to be implemented in 6 districts (Ananthapuramu, Chittoor, Kurnool, YSR Kadapa, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam) from 2021-22 for six years to cover Land resource inventory (LRI) in around 2 lakhs hectares; Hydrological assessment and Ground water monitoring; implementation of Model watershed development projects in around 0.50 lakh ha. based on LRI & Hydrology recommendations

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with a saturation approach. The program will benefit 105,000 people in the state project areas, including about 30% women members.

3. The Commissioner, RD, while submitting a detailed report along with a Concept Note on REWARD project has requested convey the readiness of the Government for taking up REWARD project in the State of A.P. and accord permission to take-up REWARD Project with financial outlay of Rs.200 crores and State willingness to borrow World Bank loan for Watershed Development with 70:30 World Bank-GoI / State cost sharing to implement projects in Anantapuramu, Kurnool, Kadapa, Chittoor, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam districts and to send willingness letter to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA).

4. After careful examination of the matter the Government hereby convey their approval for implementation of Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agriculture Resilience through Innovative Development (REWARD) in the State of A.P. and also accord permission to the Commissioner, PR&RD to implement the REWARD Project in 6 Districts in the State, viz., Ananthapuramu, Chittoor, Kurnool, YSR Kadapa, Prakasam and Visakhapatnam, by taking up Land Resource Inventory in 1.5 Lakh Hectares and science based Watershed implementation in 0.5 lakh Hectares with financial outlay of Rs.200 crores with the World Bank assistance of Rs.140 Crores and State share of Rs.60 crores for a period of 6 years from 2021-22 to 2026-27.

5. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FMU0MISC/716/2019-FMU-PRRDRWS, dt.28-2-2020.

6. The Commissioner, PR&RD shall take necessary further action in the matter immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To:

The Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, Andhra Pradesh, with a request to communicate to all the concerned officials.

All the District Collectors and District Programme Coordinators of MGNREGS in the State.

All the Project Directors, DWMAs and Addl.Dist.Programme Coordinators of MGNREGS in the State.

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All the Project Directors, DRDAs and Addl. Dist. Programme Coordinators in the State.
All the Chief Executive Officers, ZPs and Addl. Dist. Programme Coordinators in the State.
The Project Officer, ITDA and Additional District Programme Coordinators in the State.
All the District Panchayat Officers in the State.
All the Mandal Development Officers through Chief Executive Officers in the State.

Copy to:

The Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.
OSD to Hon'ble Minister, (PR&RD, Mines & Geology)
PS to Chief Secretary to Government.
PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Dept.,
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